

Austin Police Department Auto Theft/Burglary of Vehicle Crime Statistics

Information obtained from APD Property Crime Statistics (November 1 -30, 2014)

Auto Thefts	Auto Thefts	Auto Thefts
Year to Date 2013	Year to Date 2014	% Year to Date Change
1,883	1,999	6%
Burglary of Vehicle	Burglary of Vehicle	Burglary of Vehicle
Year to Date 2013	Year to Date 2014	% Year to Date Change
11,855	9,640	-19 %

Major patterns for auto thefts during the month of November 2014 were:

- Trucks: truck thefts consistent with human smuggling remained low for November
- Hondas: 25 cases (mid 90's), an increase compared to 15 cases the month of October
- Motorcycles: 34 cases – an increase compared to 20 cases the month of October
- **In 50% of auto thefts, keys were used to steal the vehicles (keys left in vehicle, lost keys, etc).**

This holiday season, remember “PROTECT IT, IT’S YOURS.”

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS:

- Lock your car and take your keys.
- Never leave your car running even if you’ll only be gone for a minute – leaving your key in an unattended motor vehicle is a crime in Texas.
- **Never hide a spare key or a second set of keys in or around your car. Extra keys are easily found by car thieves.**
- Secure your belongings. Don’t attract thieves by leaving valuables in plain view.
- **Invest in vehicle and motorcycle theft deterrents – wheel locks, steering lock, tracking device, kill switch, etc. APD offers FREE VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) etching.**
- When buying from a private individual, make sure the title and registration are signed and match the name and address of the person selling the car. For title history report: www.txDMV.gov

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